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Mr. SPEAKER :—" Certainly. Even the other day, a question put by hon. Member Sri Manickam was postponed, as he requested me to postpone it. It is all for the convenience of members. Before I took up the questions of the Hon. Minister for Agriculture, I told the House point blank that I would be taking up such questions and at that time no one objected. If any member had objected, I would have taken up the questions in their serial order."

Sri K. VINAYAKAM :—" I am not objecting, Sir, to the procedure followed by you. You have allowed this concession when a member writes to you. But supposing a question of a member is expected to come up late, as per the printed list and he comes a little late, then if questions are not taken up in serial order, he would be disappointed."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" The remedy is this : supposing he expects to come late, he can inform me that he would like his questions to be taken up later."

Sri S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" That is all right for members who have already given notice of questions. But there are members who would like to put supplementary questions on particular questions. For instance, this question would have come up as per the order in the printed list, at about 9 o'clock. If the hon. Member calculating this comes late, his right is denied."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" That is true. But all of us are expected to be here at 8-30. It is on that assumption that we begin our work. There is no rule for coming late to the House."

Staff under Community Project.

* 1714 *Q.*—Sri P. S. KRISHNASWAMY AYYANGAR (on behalf of Sri M. Jagannathan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any instruction had been received by the State Government from the Union Government for making all functionaries under the Community Project permanent employees of the Government;

(*b*) if so, when the instructions were received; and

(*c*) the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) & (*c*) Do not arise."

Lead poisoning in Printing industry.

* 1717 *Q.*—Sri N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Government have investigated whether a large number of workers are affected by lead poison in press industry and type foundries?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" No, Sir. No complaints of lead poisoning among the workers in the printing

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press industry and type foundries, which necessitated investigation, has been brought to the notice of the Government. An investigation was, however, made in the year 1951 by the Professor of Hygiene into the health of the workers in the Government Press, Madras, involving about 500 workers and no symptoms of lead poisoning were noticed among them."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—" 1948-ம்ஞூபத்தில் மத்திய சர்க்கார் ஆக்ட் திருத்தத்தின் பிரகாரம் பாதிக்கப்பட்ட தொழிலாளர்களுக்கு நஷ்டயீடு தருவதற்கு இந்த சர்க்கார் மத்திய சர்க்காருக்கு சிபார்சு செய்வார்களா என்று அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்-"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Certain lead process carried on in printing presses and type foundries have been declared as dangerous operation and a special provision is made under rule 95 of the Factory Rules. Lead poisoning has also been included as an occupational disease under Schedule III to the Workmen's Compensation Act and there is provision for compensation in that Act."

Adivasis of Attappady.

* 1721 *Q.*—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have examined the proposals for improving the conditions of Adivasis of Attappady, Malabar, contained in the memorandum submitted to the Minister for Agriculture when he visited Mannarghat in January by the Adivasi Kisan Sangham; and

(*b*) if so, what action do the Government propose to take thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" |(*a*) & (*b*) A copy of the memorandum submitted by the Adivasis of Attappady, Malabar, was forwarded to Sri W. R. S. Sathianathan, Member, Board of Revenue, for submitting a detailed report to Government after making personal enquiries. His report is awaited."

Conference on Forestry.

* 1725 *Q.*—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether an international Conference on Forestry was held at Dehra Dun in 1954 ;

(*b*) whether any officer of this Government attended the Conference;

(*c*) whether any proposals were placed before the Conference by this Government; and

(*d*) whether the Government have received and will place on the table of the House a copy of the resolutions passed at the Conference?